

struction Finance Corporation to the Treasury in like amount as of the same date.

SEC. 6. The right, title, and interest in any lands, together with the improvements constructed thereon, which are conveyed pursuant to the authority granted by section 5 hereof, shall revert to the United States upon a written finding made by the President prior to July 1, 1963, that the property is needed by the United States in connection with a national defense emergency.

Approved June 28, 1948.

Reversion to U. S.

Ante, p. 1064.

[CHAPTER 689]

AN ACT

To authorize the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to convey a certain tract of land in the State of Arkansas to Washington County, Arkansas.

June 28, 1948

[S. 2349]

[Public Law 797]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs is authorized and directed, subject to such terms and conditions as the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs may prescribe, to convey by quitclaim deed to Washington County, Arkansas, without consideration, the following-described tract of land, which is a part of the lands of the Veterans' Administration hospital, Fayetteville, Washington County, Arkansas:

Washington County,
Ark.
Conveyance.

A part of the southeast quarter of northeast quarter of section 9 and a part of the southwest quarter of northwest quarter of section 10, township 16 north, range 30 west, fifth principal meridian, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the southwest corner of southeast quarter of northeast quarter of said section 9, running thence north two hundred feet; thence east five hundred and thirty feet; thence north fifty degrees eighteen minutes east two hundred and thirty-four and eighty-three one-hundredths feet; thence east seven hundred and forty-four and seventeen one-hundredths feet to the center of said United States Highway Numbered 71; thence south two degrees two minutes west along center of said United States Highway Numbered 71 three hundred and fifty and twenty-four one-hundredths feet; thence west one thousand four hundred and forty-two and forty one-hundredths feet to the place of beginning, containing nine and eighty one-hundredths acres.

The deed shall reserve to the United States all interest in and to any oil, mineral, or fissionable material in said land, and shall provide for reversion to the United States if the land ceases to be used for hospital purposes.

Reversion to U. S.

Approved June 28, 1948.

[CHAPTER 690]

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of State to perform certain consular-type functions within the United States and its Territories and possessions.

June 28, 1948

[H. R. 4330]

[Public Law 798]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, until such time as the President shall determine and proclaim that a German Government capable of representing its own nationals in the United States and its Territories and possessions has been established, and under such regulations as the Secretary of State may prescribe, the Department of State is authorized to perform consular functions for German nationals within the United States and its Territories and possessions, and to collect fees and make charges for services rendered:

Department of
State.
Consular functions
for German nationals
in U. S.

Provided, That any money so received shall be deposited and covered into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

Appropriation au-
thorized.

SEC. 2. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated to the Department of State, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

Approved June 28, 1948.

[CHAPTER 691]

AN ACT

Authorizing the Hidalgo Bridge Company, its heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a railroad toll bridge across the Rio Grande, at or near Hidalgo, Texas.

June 28, 1948
[H. R. 4367]
[Public Law 799]

Rio Grande,
Bridge at Hidalgo,
Tex.

34 Stat. 84.
33 U. S. C. §§ 491-
498.

Agreement between
U. S. and Mexico.

Acquisition of prop-
erty.

Tolls, etc.

34 Stat. 84.
33 U. S. C. §§ 491-
498.
Sale of rights, etc.,
to public agency.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to facilitate international commerce, improve the postal service, and provide for military and other purposes, the Hidalgo Bridge Company, its heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a railroad toll bridge and originally designed approaches thereto across the Rio Grande, so far as the United States has jurisdiction over the waters of such river, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near Hidalgo, Texas, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters", approved March 23, 1906, subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Act, and subject further to the approval of the International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, and also subject to the approval of the proper authorities in the Republic of Mexico to the construction, operation, and maintenance of such bridge: *Provided*, That the construction of the bridge herein authorized shall not be undertaken until after an agreement regarding such construction shall have been effected between the Government of the United States and the Government of the United Mexican States.

SEC. 2. There is hereby conferred upon the Hidalgo Bridge Company, its heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, all such rights and powers to enter upon lands and to acquire, occupy, possess, and use real estate and other property in the State of Texas needed for the location, construction, operation, and maintenance of such bridge and its originally designed approaches, as are possessed by railroad corporations for railroad purposes or by bridge corporations for bridge purposes, upon making just compensation therefor to be ascertained and paid according to the laws of such State of Texas.

SEC. 3. The said Hidalgo Bridge Company, its heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, is hereby authorized to fix and charge tolls for transit over such bridge in accordance with any laws of the State of Texas applicable thereto, and the rates of toll so fixed shall be the legal rates until changed by the Secretary of War under the authority contained in the Act of March 23, 1906.

SEC. 4. The right to sell, assign, transfer, and mortgage all the rights, powers, and privileges conferred by this Act to any public agency, or to an international bridge authority or commission, is hereby granted to the Hidalgo Bridge Company, its heirs, or legal representatives; and any such public agency, international bridge authority, or international bridge commission to which such rights, powers, and privileges may be sold, assigned, or transferred, or which shall acquire the same by mortgage foreclosure or otherwise, is hereby authorized and empowered to exercise the same as fully as though conferred herein directly upon such public agency, international bridge authority, or international bridge commission.